

RAMAPO HIKES STOCKHOLDERS' PRIVILEGE.

Journal Insists on a Stockholder's Privilege to Inspect It.

WHO ARE IN THE GRAB?
President Dutcher Postpones the Day of Revealing the Secret.

The Journal, in furtherance of its measures for the protection of the city against the Ramapo water grabbers, is endeavoring to obtain a list of the stockholders of the Ramapo company, who have kept themselves most successfully out of sight up to the present time.

W. R. Hearst, editor of the Journal, has become a stockholder in the Ramapo Water Company to strengthen the Journal's legal position. Possession of this stock gives him or his authorized agents the right of access to the company's list of stockholders. The company's officers, however, while not denying this right, have not yet produced the books for inspection upon proper demand.

The Secretary Absent.
F. T. Gribbles, of the law firm of Ernst & Townsend, named with authority from Mr. Hearst, called at the company's office on Thursday and demanded access to the list of stockholders.

The young man in the office said that Mr. La Mont, the secretary, was away. Silas B. Dutcher, the president of the Ramapo Water Company, was asked to order the clerk to produce the book. He, too, replied that the secretary was away on a vacation, and asked Mr. Gribbles to see him again in two days.

An attorney from Ernst & Townsend's office went to Mr. Gribbles to see Mr. Dutcher, and he informed Mr. Dutcher that the company was required by statute to keep the required books, but that Mr. Dutcher replied that he would produce the book as soon as he could.

Must See Counsel First.
When inquiry was made at the office of the company the young man in charge said that Mr. La Mont was "out" and might not return that day. He said nothing about a vacation. Demand for the book was made upon him. He said he must consult Mr. Dutcher, closed the office and went out, indicating that he would return.

Mr. Dutcher and the young man apparently held a consultation, after which the young man said that for later in the day the president emphasized the point that the company did not refuse to comply with the Journal's demand, but merely sought time to be advised by counsel of its rights. Mr. Dutcher added: "Never in the history of the company has any stockholder desired to see this book. Our counsel is not clear that Mr. Hearst, a new stockholder, has all the rights of the old investors. On Monday we shall be able to give a direct answer."

Law Explicit on the Point.
The law appears to be explicit on this point. Section 29 of the Stock Corporation law says:

Every stock corporation shall keep at its office correct books of account of all its business and transactions, and a book to be known as the stockholders' book, in which shall be entered, in alphabetical order, of all persons who are stockholders of the corporation, the number of shares of stock held by them, respectively, and the amount paid thereon.

The stock-book of every such corporation shall be open daily, during business hours, for the inspection of its stockholders and judgment of its creditors, who may make extracts therefrom.

Every corporation that shall neglect or refuse to keep such books, or to keep any book open for inspection as herein required, shall forfeit to the people the sum of fifty dollars for every day it shall so neglect or refuse.

If any officer or agent of any such corporation shall wilfully neglect or refuse to make any proper entry in such book or books, or shall neglect or refuse to exhibit the same, or shall neglect or refuse to allow them to be inspected and extracts taken therefrom as provided in this section, the corporation and such officer or agent shall each forfeit and pay to the party injured a penalty of fifty dollars for every such neglect or refusal, and all damages resulting to him therefrom.

An Everyday Occurrence.
Such demands for access to corporation stock books are an everyday occurrence in this city. Whenever, for instance, a stockholder feels dissatisfied with the policy of the directors and desires to bring about a change of management, it is his right to obtain a list of all the stockholders, so that he may attempt to secure their cooperation. The right is granted in almost every case, and the courts always uphold the stockholders' demand.

Bernard Naumburg, of the Journal's counsel, gave it as his opinion yesterday that the Ramapo lawyers could find no warrant for refusing Mr. Hearst's demand on the fact that his stock was purchased recently.

"The law explicitly says that 'its stockholders' shall have the right to inspect this book. That means all or any of its stockholders, whatever their position.'"

COUNT ALFRED WALTERS IN A NEW YORK WILL CASE.

His Testimony Will Be Taken by the United States Consul in Hanover, Germany.

Surrogate Fitzgerald yesterday issued a commission to W. K. Anderson, United States Consul at Hanover, Germany, to take the deposition of Count Alfred Walters as to matters relating to the will of the late Ann D. Lee, who died last March.

Mrs. Lee is the mother of the Countess of Walters. Her will was filed for probate in this city a few days ago. Mrs. Lee was ninety-six years old at the time of her death. She had three daughters, all of whom married. The other two daughters, Josephine, Baroness von Wacker, and Abby, who is the wife of an English army officer of high rank, are not mentioned in the will.

NO LET UP OF YELLOW FEVER.

Nine New Cases at Key West, Making 135 and 10 Deaths to Date.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 9.—The State Board of Health has received reports today that there are nine new cases of yellow fever in Key West and one death, F. McDonald.

A corrected list shows that to date there have been 135 cases and ten deaths. The situation at Miami shows no new developments.

Kept a Girl's Ring—Arrested.

A diamond ring belonging to Emma Hutz, who lives at No. 129 Ralph street, Williamsburg, was the cause yesterday of Harry Sherman's arraignment in the Ewen Street Police Court on the charge of grand larceny. According to the story told by Miss Hutz, Sherman, invited to the Coney Island a few weeks ago, and while they were talking at "The Shelter," he secured the ring and later pawned it. The ring was valued at \$85. Failing to get back the ring the girl caused Sherman's arrest. The Magistrate held him in \$200 bail pending a hearing.

WARSHIP HUNTS FOR 300 SOULS.

The Steamship Walkato, 129 Days Out Bound for New Zealand, Vainly Searched for by a British Cruiser.

The steamship Walkato, bound from London for Lyttelton, New Zealand, is believed to have been lost at sea, with all on board. The vessel is said to have had 100 passengers and a crew of 200-300 in all. She left London May 4, and now is 129 days out.

In London, yesterday, she was reinsured at fifty guineas premium. This is considered as an equivalent to an abandonment of all hope by the insurance companies, who now are rushing to cover their losses in other companies.

Only once since she left London has the Walkato been sighted. She was seen in the Indian Ocean by the British bark Tacora on July 31, in latitude 39 degrees south and longitude 39 degrees east. The Tacora reached Mauritius, an island of the Indian Ocean, on August 9, and the news of her sighting the Walkato was sent by cable to London and received with the greatest joy by the friends of the passengers and crew.

The vessel registered 5,671 tons. After she was sighted by the Tacora her arrival at Mauritius or some other port of the Indian Ocean was watched for eagerly. But no further word of the liner was received, and anxiety in London grew apace.

Orders finally were sent to the British command of the East India station to dispatch the cruiser Melopene to look for the Walkato. The war ship cruised all over the Indian Ocean, and a few days ago she touched at Mauritius to report her search a failure. The Melopene had not found the slightest trace of the Walkato, or anything to indicate the fate of the vessel and those on board.

This was the chief cause of the increased premium on the insurance.

The Walkato was owned by the New Zealand Shipping Company. Her passengers included business men of Lyttelton, who had sailed to London, and were returning home; tourists who were making a trip for pleasure; and representatives of London business houses who were bound for New Zealand. There are said to have been at least thirty women among the voyagers.

The Walkato is not the only vessel of this line to meet disaster this season. The steamship Tokon ran on the rocks of Staten Island, in the South Atlantic, on August 7, and went to pieces. So far as known, only five persons were saved. These included the second mate, steward and three seamen. They were picked up from one of the Tokon's lifeboats by the British bark Gifford and landed at San Francisco.

PHONOGRAPH A "STAR-GAZER."

It Has Become an Important Instrument of the Astronomer.

Williams Bay, Wis., Sept. 9.—At the meeting of the Astronomical Society of America today Professor N. B. Snyder told of using the phonograph for experiments in recording celestial phenomena. When observing some movement of brief duration the astronomer arranges a phonograph so that he may take into the recorder the facts he wishes to record without losing sight of the object.

"For the first few weeks I was treated with some consideration. I soon ascertained that my son was a drunkard. After a while he began to treat me brutally and used to beat me."

"At that time," said the old man, "I had about a thousand pounds. My son prevailed upon me to come to this country, extolling the skill of the physicians here, and also enlarging on the curative properties of the mineral springs in Georgia, telling of miracles that had been accomplished by the springs."

"On the way to this country my son got me to give my money into his keeping. This I did, and we came to Augusta."

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"Finally I determined to go to Bellevue Hospital, of which I had heard. Taking the only thing of value I had left, a gold watch and chain, I sold it, and with the proceeds came to this city."

The Bellevue authorities will keep the old man until Monday. As he has no friends in this city he may possibly be sent to the almshouse or be returned to Augusta.

WOMAN TRAMPLED UPON BY HER ENRAGED COW.

Is Attacked from Behind and Has Her Kneecap and Her Collar Bone Broken.

Mt. Holly, N. J., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Ann Eliza Sely, sixty years old, is suffering from injuries received by being attacked by her own cow today. While the woman was in the barnyard the cow attacked her from behind, knocked her down, and began to trample on her.

The animal badly lacerated her right collar bone and broke her right knee cap. She also got contusions on her left leg, and it is feared she is injured internally. Her condition is serious.

THANKLESS CHILD ABUSES FATHER.

Paralyzed Man, Cruelly Treated by Son, Goes to Bellevue.

William F. Painter, a well-dressed elderly man, just arrived from Augusta, Ga., was driven to Bellevue Hospital yesterday. He was paralyzed in both legs and did not have enough money to pay the cabman who brought him.

The old man told the Bellevue physicians that up to six months ago he was a builder and contractor in Birmingham, England. At that time he was stricken with paralysis and could no longer work. He had some money, and was about preparing to be treated for his malady in England when his son, who lived in Augusta, Ga., came to England and prevailed upon him to come to America.

MARRIAGE TIES TO TIE DOUBLE KNOTS.

20 Couples Fear the First Ceremony Was Inadequate.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 9.—The church people of this Canadian suburb of Detroit are much agitated over a score of matrimonial knots which may have to be tied over again.

The Rev. J. H. Best, pastor of the Bruce Avenue Baptist Church, went on a two months' vacation this summer and during his absence his pulpit was supplied by the Rev. J. J. Williams, of Brock, Neb. Many marriages came the Baptist clergyman's way, and this important part of ministerial work in Windsor received due attention from him. That every one of these marriages is illegal because of the Rev. Mr. Williams not being a resident of Canada, is the claim being made.

KOCH & CO.,

125th St.—West.

Monday AND Tuesday Surprises for Housekeepers.

It is hard for us to surprise the Public, because they have become accustomed to find here Prices that others do not dare to even imitate, but we are positive our Autumn gathering of essentials for housekeeping and the extraordinary values will surprise everybody. Just these pickings—leaving a thousand and one good items which must go unmentioned.

Furniture.

SOLID OAK CHIFFONNIERS, 5 deep drawers, large French plate mirrors, regularly \$8.50, at..... 6.49

GOLDEN OAK BUREAUS, with large fancy pattern mirrors, swell top drawers, handsomely made and finished throughout, regularly \$19.50, at..... 13.95

SOLID MAHOGANY BUREAUS, large mirrors, full swell fronts, carved tops, regularly \$28.00, at..... 19.85

BIRD'S-EYE MAPLE BUREAUS, large size, well made and finished, regularly \$27.00, at..... 18.95

Carpets and Rugs.

AXMINSTER CARPETS, best grade, with borders to match in all the latest Autumn tints, \$1.25 quality, at, yd 85c

TAPESTRY BRUSSELS, extra heavy, with borders to match, beautiful designs and color effects, the 85c goods at..... 65c

ORIENTAL RUGS, consisting of Antique Kazaks and Guengues, sold elsewhere for \$25.00 to \$30.00, our price..... 19.95

ANTIQUE AND MODERN SHIRVAN RUGS, the \$10.00 grade at 7.95

Curtains, &c.

IRISH POINT LACE CURTAINS, white or ecru, full size, per pair, 5.50

RENAISSANCE LACE CURTAINS, heavy border, beautiful designs, per pair..... 12.95

TAPESTRY CURTAINS, extra heavy and reversible, in pretty Autumn designs, just the thing for parlor, dining-room or library, \$5.50 goods, at, per 3.95

REUPHOLSTERING OF FURNITURE AND DRAPERIES TO ORDER—the best work linked to the best of taste makes our Upholstery Department famous—a beautiful assortment of Furniture and Drapery Fabrics to select from—estimates and designs free.

Glass.

AMERICAN CUT GLASS BOWLS, rich deep cutting, pretty designs, a remarkable opportunity, matchless in price and quality, 10 in. \$3.49; 9 in. 2.49; 8 in. 1.49

CLEAR CRYSTAL TABLE JUMBLES, engraved with your initial white, you wait, per doz..... 39c

OSTRICH FEATHER DUSTERS, well made and very full—6-inch feathers, 7c.

8-inch feathers, 12c.

OSTRICH FEATHER CEILING DUSTERS, long handle, 9c.

Turkey Feather Dusters, patent split feathers, sizes 12-inch, 19c.; 14-inch, 25c.

ROUND SINK BRUSHES, sale price, 1c.

FLAT SINK BRUSHES, sale price, 3c.

HAND SCRUBS, large, sale price, 3c.

DUSTING BRUSHES.

15c. quality, sale price, 9c.

25c. quality, sale price, 17c.

35c. quality, sale price, 19c.

40c. quality, sale price, 25c.

60c. quality, sale price, 39c.

STOVE POLISHING BRUSHES.

12c. quality, sale price, 8c.

15c. quality, sale price, 10c.

20c. quality, sale price, 12c.

30c. quality, sale price, 19c.

WINDOW BRUSHES with reservoir back and long handle, regular 50c., sale price, 29c.

HEARTH OR CHILDREN'S BROOMS, sale price, 8c.

BISSELL'S CARPET SWEEPERS.

Bissell's 4-wheel Sweepers, value \$1.50; sale price, \$9c.

Bissell's "CRITERION," value \$2.00; sale price, 1.18.

Bissell's "NEWPORT," like the "Grand Rapids," value \$2.50, sale price, 1.59.

WHISK BROOMS.

10c. quality, sale price, 6c.

15c. quality, sale price, 8c.

18c. quality, sale price, 10c.

20c. quality, sale price, 12c.

25c. quality, sale price, 14c.

STAIR WHISKERS, large size, wood handle, sale price, 14c.

SCRUBBING BRUSHES.

7c. quality, sale price, 4c.

10c. quality, sale price, 6c.

15c. quality, sale price, 9c.

SCOURING BRUSHES, value 10c., sale price, 5c.

HANDY HOUSE BRUSH, sale price, 3c.

FURNITURE DUSTERS, pure hair, wire fastened, sale price, 19c.

BATH BRUSHES, pure hair, with detachable handle, value 50 cents, sale price, 35c.

FLOOR OILING MACHINES, the kind formerly sold at \$2.50, sale price, 98c.

SHOE BRUSHES WITH DAUBERS.

15c. quality, sale price, 8c.

25c. quality, sale price, 14c.

30c. quality, sale price, 19c.

WILLOW WARE.

Clothes Baskets made of best Whole Willow, imported, extra strong and full size.

Size No. 1, sale price, 23c.

Size No. 2, sale price, 30c.

Size No. 3, sale price, 39c.

Size No. 4, sale price, 49c.

Size No. 5, sale price, 59c.

Market Baskets, strongly made, brown and white willow.

Medium size, Large size, Sale price 22c. 29c.

Market Baskets, with 2 lids, fancy willow and straw braided.

Medium size, Large size, Sale price 39c. 49c.

Carpet Beaters, extra large and strongly made of rattan, sale price 9c.

Oval Clothes Hampers, made of the best white willows, full size, value \$2.75, sale price, \$1.48.

WON THE MEDAL AT GOLF.

A MATTER OF JUSTICE.

"Ingratitude is a cruel thing," remarked the Ordinary Struggler to a friend at the railway station one day recently; "and I never saw a more pleasing instance of it than occurred this summer at Ardley, where I live. We have golf links out there, you know, and we play the game like maniacs, struggling to hold our records up as if something depended upon it. And sometimes something does."

strength; it is not the worse than useless whipping of jaded organs to action; it is the very brick and mortar of an edifice. She became quite eloquent, as she always does on the subject of Johann Hoff's, and she left Mrs. Wilkinton quite convinced that in Johann Hoff's lay her hope for the future. Wilkinton ordered up a case of the Extra, that night, and the practice at the links went on for a few days with Mrs. Wilkinton absent.

"At last the day came when the championship question was to be decided, and we all drew short breaths and were vastly excited. Mrs. Whitney was in high feather, smiling here and there, and rather enjoying being pointed out to the visitors as the coming lady champion. It was fortunate she absorbed a bit of enjoyment when she did, too, for just before the play began a carriage drove up to the clubhouse, and Mrs. Wilkinton, with a determined look upon her face, alighted from it. 'Come to look on, of course,' whispered Mrs. Whitney to her husband.

"But Mrs. Wilkinton had not come to look on. She had come to play, and play she did in her old form, having everything pretty much her own way, and giving Mrs. Whitney barely a fighting chance for the medal at any time. It was real mean of her, Mrs. Whitney thought, to act so after she had been so good as to tell her about Johann Hoff's. It was positively ungrateful. Mrs. Whitney—poor, kind-hearted little woman—shed quite a number of tears that night when it

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"Now, I don't think it is exactly right myself, old man," said the Ordinary Struggler, "and I wish you would fix it up—you and your newspaper, and put the credit of winning the Ardley golf championship where it belongs. Will you?"

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